



Ward Notification

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Patrick Kelly



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Date: March 1, 2009

Ward 3 – Apartment Fire – 2300 Block of East Glenn

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Dispatch Time – 1740

On-Scene Time – 1742

Fire Under Control – 1845

Residents called 9-1-1 reporting a light haze of smoke and some flames coming from the wall area near the water heater in their apartment. Firefighters arrived on scene to find a light haze of smoke in four separate apartments. Specialized equipment, known as Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) were used to locate the fire, which was hidden in the walls between the four apartments. A total of ten units and 17 people were evacuated from one apartment building and will be displaced until repairs can be done. Red Cross will be assisting approximately eight of those people. The others will be staying with family and friends until repairs are complete.

Cause – Accidental – Electrical arc in hidden area in walls between four apartments.

Damage estimate - \$100,000 – repairs in sheetrock and upgrade to electrical wiring and components for building with 10 apartments.

Safety Message: The important thing to remember is to have a working smoke detector and an escape plan. Call 9-1-1 immediately to report the fire as soon as you escape to the meeting place.